

Application No. 10/614,197

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-18, 20, 21, 23, 25-32 and 34-38 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. Telephonic Interview

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the August 31, 2004 telephonic interview during which Examiner Miller indicated that the revised claims, as presented by way of facsimile to Examiner Miller on August 31, are in condition for allowance.

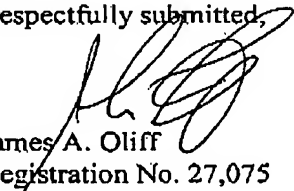
II. Revised Claims

Applicant submits that the revisions to the pending claims are provided only to clarify the subject matter of the originally filed claims at the request of the Examiner and are not amended in reply to a substantive rejection of the claims. Rather, the revised claims merely correct minor informalities and clarify the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1-38 are in condition for allowance.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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